



IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL RISK REDUCTION PROGRAMS

Amendments to O.C.G.A. §40-5-83(e) related to changes in Assessment Fees

On April 21, 2009, Governor Sonny Perdue signed into law Senate Bill 196, which amends O.C.G.A. §40-5-83(e) related to assessment fees approved DUI Alcohol or Drug Risk Reduction Programs shall charge students and offenders taking the assessment component, as well as the portion thereof programs shall remit to the Department of Driver Services.

Effective July 1, 2009, the assessment fee that approved programs shall charge students and offenders taking the assessment component of the risk reduction program will increase from \$75.00 currently to \$82.00. In addition, the portion of the assessment fee that approved programs must remit to the Department of Driver Services will increase from \$15.00 currently to \$22.00.

Programs will still be required to remit the statutorily required assessment fees by the 10th day of each month, in accordance with Ga. Admin. Comp. Ch. 290-4-10-.06(4)(b) and (d).

Assessment rosters and assessment fees must be mailed to the following address:

Attention: Accounting
Georgia Department of Driver Services
2206 East View Parkway
Conyers, Georgia 30013

If no assessments were administered during a particular month, programs must document such on official program letterhead and mail to the address above by the 10th day of the following month.

Questions related to assessment fees can be directed to Susan Sisk by phone at 678-413-8806 or by email at ssisk@dds.ga.gov.

Questions related to House Bill 196 can be directed to Michael Mitchell by phone at 678-413-8413 or by e-mail at mbmitchell@dds.ga.gov.

As always, your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

You may view Senate Bill 196 in its entirety at the following link:

http://www.legis.ga.gov/legis/2009_10/versions/sb196_AP_12.htm

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